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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 9/16/2004.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

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1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-4 and 9-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over either Rayner (U. S. Pat. No. 3,217,193) of Japan'727 (Japan 10-210727).

Re claim 1, Rayner and Japan'727 are each cited disclosing a structure for cooling a motor assembly, the motor assembly including a cylindrical rotor (59 in Rayner and 11 in Japan'727) an inner circumferential surface of a rotor housing, and a cylindrical rotor in an inner circumferential surface of the rotor, comprising: a plurality of holes (as at 63 in Rayner and 12 in Japan'727) on a surface of the rotor housing forming the stator; and a plurality of blades, each provided in one side of the hole that differs from the claim only in the recitation of the holes being on a lower surface and the motor being that of a washing machine. In regard to the lower surface, no patentable distinction is deemed to exist between the holes as claimed and those as taught by either Rayner or Japan'727. This is merely a rearrangement of parts (MPEP 2144.04). As for the "washing machine" recitation, there are no limitations in the claims that would limit the device for a washing machine motor only. Re claims 2-4 and 9-12 to have the blade bent downwardly or upwardly is of little patentable significance, in that regardless of their orientation, the motor would still be cooled.

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3. Claims 5-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the allied prior art as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of EPO'100 (European Patent Office 0 445 100).

Claim 5 defines over the applied prior art only in the recitation of the surface of the blades being grooved. EPO'100 disclose a fan having a grooved surfaced. It therefore would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify the blade in either Rayner of Japan'727, to be grooved as taught by EPO'100 or the purpose of enhancing the movement of air there through. Re claim 5-8, Rayner and Japan'727 are cited a applied above.

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. In Japan'072, Scheble, Boivie, Japan'288', France'170 and Japan'387, note the cooling means.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to FRANKIE L. STINSON whose telephone number is (571) 272-1308. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 5:30 am to 2:00 pm and some Saturdays from approximately 5:30 am to 11:30 am.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Barr, can be reached on (571) 272-1700. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-272-8300.

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